

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims.

Claims 1-49 are pending in the application. No changes, cancellations, or new claims are added with this Second Preliminary Amendment.

II. Response To Restriction Requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction between four inventions, Groups, I-III. for the reasons stated in numbered paragraph 1 of the Office Action. The Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction and request reconsideration on the following basis.

The MPEP § 1893.03(d) specifies that an applicant has a right to include in a single application only those inventions which are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

Claims 28 and 29 are dependent on Claim 2 and contain all the limitations therein. The limitations of Claims 1 and 2 are a corresponding special technical feature which links these inventions into a single inventive concept. Accordingly, Applicants request that Claims 28 and 29 are examined in the same group as Claims 1-27, & 41-49, i.e., Group I. Or alternatively, that these claims be rejoined with Group I should claim 2 be allowed.

III. Election.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 18, 2008 the Applicants hereby elect Group I, without prejudice to pursue the non-elected claims at a future date in this or in another application. Additionally, the Applicants request that the Examiner consider rejoinder of non-elected claims as appropriate should allowable subject matter be found among the elected claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone with Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due with this Response to Restriction Requirement to Deposit Account 19-2090.

Respectfully Submitted,
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